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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 434 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY DiGIROLAMO, KENNEY, ARMSTRONG, BALDWIN, BASTIAN, BENNINGHOFF, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CIVERA, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOOD, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARPER, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, KOTIK, LaGROTTA, LEDERER, MACKERETH, MAJOR, MARSICO, McCALL, McGILL, S. MILLER, MUNDY, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, PYLE, RAPP, RAYMOND, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHANER, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE, WALKO, WATSON, WILT, WOJNAROSKI, WRIGHT, YUDICHAK AND ZUG, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of September 2005 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a major public health problem in this Commonwealth and our nation; and

WHEREAS, One in ten Pennsylvanians suffers from the disease of addiction; and

WHEREAS, One in four families has a member with an addiction to alcohol or other drugs; and

WHEREAS, The cost of untreated addiction in the United States is $246 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Addiction treatment is highly effective for youths and adults; and

WHEREAS, Addiction treatment prevents fetal alcohol syndrome and other addiction-related illness; and

WHEREAS, Addiction treatment reduces crime and driving under the influence while improving safety in communities, neighborhoods and schools and healing the devastation of families; and

WHEREAS, Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that addiction treatment saves at least $7 for every $1 invested; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes those persons who have lost their lives to addiction and their bereaved families; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives commends the leadership and healing power of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, groups for families and addiction treatment centers across this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the nation, the month of September is observed as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month"; and

WHEREAS, This observance focuses on recovery and treatment and allows this Commonwealth and our communities to recognize the dignity of recovery and the benefits of addiction treatment services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of September 2005 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in Pennsylvania.